royalty on crude oil in the case of Assam it has adopted for 1989-90 the State's own budget estimate for 1988-89.

**Income Tax due against M/s. Godfrey Phillips (India) Limited**

286. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHIDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Godfrey Phillips (India) Limited, Bombay have approached the Settlement Commissioner of Income Tax against the order passed by the Income Tax authorities, Central Circle, Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the progress made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *IN THE DEPARTMENT OF* REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) M/s. Godfrey Phillips (India) Limited, Bombay has made an Income-tax settlement application for the assessment years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 to the Income-tax Settlement Commission. The settlement application was made while the assessments for the assessment years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 were pending before the assessing officer.

(b) Some of the issues involved in the settlement matter are as follows:

(i) computation of income for the relevant assessment years;

(ii) prayer for immunity from penalities and prosecutions; and

*(iii) prayer for waiver of interest* under the Income-tax Act.

The settlement application is pending with the Income-tax Settlement Commission.

**Show Cause Notices to M/s. Master Tobacco Company and Lakshmi Distributors (P) Limited**

287. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Collectorate of Central Excise, Bombay has issued show cause notices to Master Tobacco Company and to Lakshmi Distributors (P) Limited, Bombay for clandestine removal and sale of cigarettes ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any persons have been apprehended in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A show cause notice dated 4-4-89 alleging evasion of Central Excise duties to the tune of Rs. 2.42 crores has been issued in this regard to M/s. Master Tobacco Company and others by the Collector of Central Excise, Bombay-I. This show cause notice is pending adjudication before the Collector of Central Excise, Bombay-I. No person has been arrested (apprehended) in this connection.

**Show Cause Notices Served on M/s. Wazir Sultan Co. Ltd.**

288. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Wazir Sultan Company Limited, Hyderabad have been served with show cause notices on charges of evasion of Central excise duty ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the progress made in the matter of adjudication and recovery of Government dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) A show cause notice has been issued to M/s. VST Industries Ltd., Hyderabad on 22-9-1987 for alleged evasion of Central Excise Duty of Rs. 2.44 crores. The case is presently pending adjudication before the Director General of Inspection (Customs & Central Excise), New Delhi. The question of recovery of any amount will arise only after the show cause notice is adjudicated.

**Bills pending assent by the President**

289. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Bills pending President's assent and since when ; and

(b) what steps have been taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) 70 Bills are pending for the President's Assent. Details are as under :—

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| Pending for 6 months and under . . . . | 26 |
| Pending over 6 months to 1 year . . . . | 15 |
| Pending over 1 year to 3 years . . . . | 22 |
| Pending over 3 years . . | 7 |

Out of these 70 pending Bills, processing of 33 Bills is held up for want of views/clarifications of the concerned State Governments and remaining 37 Bills are under examination in consultation with concerned administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(b) The concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments, with whom the Bills are pending have been reminded.

**Schemes for development of housing in Andhra Pradesh**

290. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the nationalised banks for the development of housing in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of the assistance given to the Andhra Pradesh Government and private sector during the last three years, yearwise for the purpose ; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to give more financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the Development of housing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that allocation of bank finance for housing purpose is being made for the country as a whole and not separately for each State. While a sum of Rs. 75 crores was allocated for housing for the year 1979, it was progressively raised to Rs. 225 crores for 1988. During 1985, 1986 & 1987, commercial banks extended housing finance to the extent of Rs. 147.29 crores, Rs. 186.21 crores and Rs. 194.43 crores respectively.

Reserve Bank has recently advised the commercial banks to provide 1.5% of their incremental deposits for housing finance during